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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

No fee (other than the fee for the Petition for a One Month Extension of Time submitted concurrently) is believed due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any deficient amount or credit any surplus amount to Deposit Account No. 50-1986.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 7, 2003 raised as its sole issue whether claims 27-29 are the same as claim 8 of U.S. Patent No. 5,825,485 ("the cited claim"), i.e. would